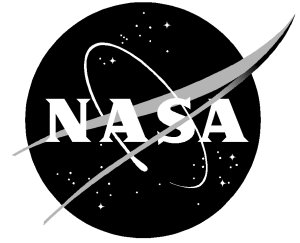


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## **WV EDUCATORS ATTEND SUMMER SCHOOL AT NASA**

This summer, 30 elementary and middle school teachers and administrators traded in chalkboards and textbooks for wind tunnels and acoustic labs at a one-week workshop held at NASA's Langley Research Center, Hampton, Virginia.

At the workshop, Sharon Powell and Ron Tote, from Mount View Middle School, played the role of students. They learned about the latest NASA projects, visited NASA facilities, attended seminars taught by NASA researchers, engineers and technicians, and studied topics ranging from aeronautics to interplanetary exploration.

The NASA Explorer Schools (NES) program is an initiative sponsored by NASA's Office of Education in collaboration with the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA). Under a three-year partnership, NASA Langley is working with teams from Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia.

Through this program and others like it, NASA is seeking "to inspire the next generation of explorers" by helping to make learning science and mathematics more exciting in the classroom. NES workshops provide new ways to positively impact science and mathematics instruction by exposing educators to new technology tools they can use.

Educators are then challenged to immerse their next class of students in NASA resources through hands-on experiences. They are also charged to share their NES workshop experience with other educators in their schools, their school divisions, and across their state.

To learn more about the NES program and other NASA educational initiatives:

**<http://explorerschools.nasa.gov>**

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